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Attorney Docket Number	HER-04-01
First Named Inventor	Allen D. Hertz, et al.
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Application Number	
Filing Date	February 24, 2004
Art Unit	
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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING OPERABILITY OF A
FLEXIBLE, SELF CONFORMING, WORKPIECE SUPPORT SYSTEM**

(Title of the Invention)

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U.S. Parent Application Number	PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number <i>(if applicable)</i>
09 / 170,016		10/13/1998	6,029,966
09 / 253,238		02/19/1999	6,264,187
09 / 597,905		06/19/2000	6,695,298
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Filed: 2004, February 24

Applicants: Allen D. Hertz, et al.

Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING OPERABILITY
OF A FLEXIBLE, SELF CONFORMING, WORKPIECE SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Divisional Application of 09/597,905 filed on June 19, 2000.

Statement Requesting Deletion of Non-Inventors

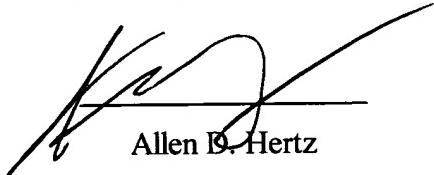
The following are the Inventors for the claims presented in the above stated divisional application:

Inventor No. 1: Allen D. Hertz

Inventor No. 2: Eric L. Hertz

Applicants respectfully request the **deletion** of Inventor No. 3 of the Parent Application - **Anthony Imm** - from the above subject Divisional Application.

Respectfully submitted,



Allen D. Hertz

Applicant, Agent of Record,

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Filing Date

June 15, 2000

Group Art Unit

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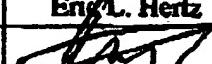
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